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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR YO

SUBJ: GOY REACTION TO TWA HIJACKING

1. AT ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION EVENING OF SEP  
13, I SAW CHIEF OF PROTOCOL VILUS AND ASKED WHAT IN GOD'S  
NAME COULD EXPLAIN GOY INCREDIBLE REACTION TO TWA HIJACKING.  
HE RESPONDED QUICKLY THAT  
"WE HAVE MATTERS UNDER CONTROL NOW."

2. I RESPONDED THAT THEY CERTAINLY SEEMED OUT OF CONTROL  
THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS AND WONDERED WHO IF ANYONE WAS  
MAKING DECISIONS IN THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT. ASTONISHINGLY,  
HE ADMITTED THAT GOY REACTION WAS "IMPULSIVE" BUT WOULD  
CAST NO LIGHT ON WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE EXCEPT TO REITERATE  
THAT WE (WHOEVER WE IS) HAVE MATTERS UNDER CONTROL.

3. HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY PRO-  
AMERICAN AND SUGGESTED WE HAVE LUNCH PRIVATELY TO DISCUSS  
THE MATTER. HE ASKED THAT I KEEP HIS VIEWS STRICTLY  
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4. VILUS STRIKES US A TOUGH, EXTREMELY COMPETENT AND  
RELATIVELY HONEST FELLOW AND I WILL TRY AND TAKE HIM UP ON  
HIS LUNCHEON INVITATION. I DID TELL HIM THAT IN MY  
VIEW THE YUGOSLAVS BEHAVIOR OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS WAS  
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SUCH AS TO RAISE QUESTIONS AS TO THEIR EQUILIBRIUM AND

ALTHOUGH HE WINCED, HE DID NOT DISAGREE.  
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